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coaches and track have been replaced or repaired. place. The look of the train is changing, also. The cars are being painted a deep maroon. Engines are gloss finish black and the depot has been remodeled for better accessibility and comfort of passengers. The 32-mile trip carries the rider from the Heber Depot along a sprawling countryside, around Deer Creek Dam, into Provo Canyon and along the Provo River to Vivian Park.

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the Heber City Depot. The trip takes approximately 3½ hours. Picnic tables are available at Vivian Park. Persons may bring their lunch aboard the train, and a snack car is also available. The final two miles of track between Vivian Park and Bridal Veil Falls suffered the most severe damage and will be out of service until further repairs can be made.

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authentic deep maroon. Engines are black and shiny, and the depot has been remodeled for better accessibility and comfort of passengers. The 32 mile trip carries the rider from the Heber Depot along a sprawling countryside and around Deer Creek Lake and then deep into Provo Canyon and along beautiful Provo River to Vivian Park.

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Persons wishing further information may call the Deer Creek Scenic Railroad, operators of the "Heber Creeper" at 801-654-3229 or 801-531-6022 Salt Lake area.

Heber Creeper Fund Drive

Brings Star, Post Office Band

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A drive to collect funds to restore damaged track for the Heber Creeper was inaugurated Saturday, June 2, with William Devane of television's Knot's Landing and the Salt Lake Post Office Band as featured attractions.

Eighteen miles of the track was damaged during the spring flooding last year and the train has been unable to go past Deer Creek Reservoir.

As part of the Buy-a-tie program, interested parties can buy a necktie for \$50.00 or more and

have their name engraved on one of the railroad ties that they have helped to buy with their donation. The track will be rebuilt as donations come in to buy the ties in 25-cent increments, Murl Rawlins, President of the Deer Creek Scenic Railroad, stated. It will take about 1,000 ties to reach the destination of Bridal Veil Falls.

The Heber Creeper, which began in 1899 as a run between Provo and Heber City, is run by the non-profit Deer Creek Scenic Railroad Association and depends on mostly out-of-town tourists and

private donations to keep it going. The association is interested in keeping the railroad going because it is one of the last active steam railroads in the United States and the only steam railroad in Utah.

Mr. Rawlins said public interest is necessary to sustain this wonderful, local attraction and the association is very appreciative for the volunteer services for Mr. Devane and the Salt Lake City Post Office Band and for the support from surrounding communities.